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LETTER DATED 22 APRIL 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the continued flights of aircraft of the United States Air Force in Iraqi airspace, as follows:

1. American-Saudi air activity on 20/21 April 1991 totalled 154 sorties flown by 72 formations at a speed of 600 to 850 kilometres per hour and at altitudes ranging between 4,500 and 9,000 kilometres.

2. The aircraft were identified as F-14s and F-15s and flew mostly over the areas of Baghdad, Aziziyah, Hashimiyah, Karbala', Kut, Amarah and Nasiriyah. Their mission was to carry out reconnaissance, surveillance and provocation by flying over residential areas and also by approaching the United Nations aircraft flying from Oman to Kuwait at 1245 hours, when it was in Iraqi airspace in the area to the south of Baghdad.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
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